



RMOTC manager elected to Federal Laboratory Consortium post

Casper, Wyo. – May 24, 2007 – A Rocky Mountain Oilfield Testing Center (RMOTC) manager was elected Deputy Regional Coordinator of the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC) Mid-Continent region this month. Doug Tunison, Technical Services Manager for Department of Energy-operated RMOTC, will serve as a point of contact within the 14-state FLC region.

The FLC is the nationwide network of federal laboratories that provides a forum to develop strategies and opportunities for linking the laboratory mission technologies and expertise with the marketplace. It matches federal resources and technologies with private industry needs. These services include licensable technologies, free technical assistance, partnering opportunities and other special programs.

“The FLC should be a key facilitator in the integration of federally sponsored research and development,” said Tunison. “Through the interconnection of the various labs and the market, the success rate of federally sponsored technology is increased and budgets are used more efficiently.”

As Deputy Regional Coordinator, Tunison will assist incoming Regional Coordinator Mike Crane. Crane is the Deputy Director of Research at the Air Force Academy in Golden, Colo. In their new positions in the Mid-Continent Region, Crane and Tunison serve as the points of contact for consortium members within the region and for public and private sector inquiries in 14 states. Included are Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. These states house over 100 federal laboratories representing a variety of agencies such as the Departments of Agriculture, Defense and Energy.

At RMOTC, Tunison manages energy-related project development, planning, execution and technology transfer activities. RMOTC is a field test site for emerging and developing technologies to address critical industry issues. The field test site is located 35 miles north of Casper on a 10,000-acre operating oil field.

Tunison has over 18 years experience in federal project, facilities and contract management. Prior to coming to RMOTC in 1996, he served as a Civil Engineer Corps officer for the U.S. Navy. He holds a B.S. in Engineering Physics from the University of Kansas and an M.S. in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A&M University. He will assume his new role within the FLC on Oct. 1, the start of the 2008 fiscal year.

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